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NOT EVEN A HURRICANE

July 2022 was the last time we printed and mailed a paper newsletter to you. In December 2022 we only emailed one, so here is our last year in brief.

For the twelfth summer in a row, Reg and I were the song leaders at the **Odosagih Bible Conference in Machias, NY**. It is an hour south of Buffalo and thirty minutes north of Olean, NY. Last summer was the 100th anniversary of the conference and it was a wonderful summer! For three morning services and five evening services each week Reg and I led the congregational singing. Then he moved to the back of the tabernacle and coordinated the sound system. In my free time I enjoyed serving in the dining hall and gardening.

Our weekends were filled by our ministry concert series. In July we sang for the **First Christian Church** in Machias. The next week we were at the **Faith Bible Church in Spencer**, which has just completed the process of merging with another church. They are now meeting as the **Faith Bible Church** and we will sing for them this summer.

An emergency call came to us from the **Peniel Holiness Campmeeting in Conneautville, PA**.

Their scheduled campmeeting musicians, **The Foresters**, were unable to attend due to a death in the family. Peniel found someone for part of the ten-day meeting, but asked if we could finish the week for them. Odosagih, which is always generous to us, gave us their blessing to be of help to Peniel, so we sang for them three services a day, from Tuesday July 26–Sunday July 31. It was wonderful to be with them again. Before we joined them on Tuesday, since we were in the neighborhood, so to speak, we sang for the **Conneaut Valley Church of the Nazarene in Springboro, PA** on Sunday and visited with my family in **Greenville, PA** on Monday.

In August, we gave Sunday morning worship concerts at the **Avoca (NY) United Methodist Church**, the **Elton Baptist Church** near Machias, the **House of Prayer in Salamanca, NY** and the **Caton Bible Chapel**, south of Corning, NY.

Unfortunately, Odosagih is one of the “best kept” secrets in western NY. The guest musicians were wonderful. The speakers were very interesting, godly, knowledgeable and thought-provoking men. The Women’s Boosters luncheons and speak-

ers were such a joy to me personally. We invite you to learn about Odosagih on their website. Consider a day visit, a weekend visit, a family reunion visit, or a church picnic visit. Even consider giving your pastor a gift of a few days with us. It is such a wonderful place with such wonderful recreation and physical and spiritual food that we want the area to know! Let’s not keep it as a secret anymore.

When Odosagih’s summer programming was finished, we headed for **Mansfield, OH** to sing for the **First Evangelical Presbyterian Church**. (We will sing for them this June while Pastor Joe is taking his bride Jodi on a honeymoon trip. We have sung many times before for vacationing pastors, but never before for a “honeymooning” pastor. Wow! Our ministry list of services is expanding.)

After Mansfield, we enjoyed a potluck dinner concert for the “Young at Heart” seniors at the **Dayton Ave. Baptist Church** in Xenia, Ohio.

When we returned to Bradenton, FL, we settled in, weeded our gardens and when all was back to normal, we were hit by Hurricane

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Reg and Gretchen Dunneman's Singing Schedule

Schedule is current as of the date of publication, but is subject to change.

See our complete 2023-and-beyond schedule online at <http://www.thedunnemans.net>, email us at thedunnemans@juno.com, follow us at [facebook.com/TheDunnemans](https://www.facebook.com/TheDunnemans) and [youtube.com/TheDunnemans](https://www.youtube.com/TheDunnemans) or write us at **The Dunnemans, PO Box 155, Binghamton, NY 13905-0155 • phone: (607) 765-2627**

July 2023

Mon-Fri, July 3-July 28		Machias, NY
Odosagih Bible Conference Song Leaders		
Tues, July 4	2:00 PM	Montrose, NY
Montrose Bible Conference		
Sun, July 9	11:00 AM	Spencer, NY
New Life Baptist Church		
Sun, July 16	10:00 AM	Avoca, NY
Wallace Wesleyan Church		
Sun, July 23	10:00 AM	Arkport, NY
First Presbyterian Church of Arkport		
Sun, July 30	10:00 AM	Avoca, NY
Avoca United Methodist Church		

August 2023

Mon-Fri, July 31-August 25		Machias, NY
Odosagih Bible Conference Song Leaders		
Sun, Aug 6	11:00 AM	Darlington, PA
Cannelton Baptist Church		
Sun, Aug 13	AM	Corning, NY
Caton Bible Chapel		
Sun, Aug 20	10:30 AM	Rochester, NY
Harvest Bible Chapel		

October 2023

Fri-Mon, October 6-9		Machias, NY
Odosagih Bible Conference "Fall Festival Weekend"		
Sun, Oct 15	6:00 PM	Binghamton, NY
Main Street Baptist Church 26th Homecoming Concert		

October 2023 (continued)

Sun, Oct 26	10:30 AM	Orlando, FL
Orlando Baptist Church		

November 2023

Tues, Nov 14	11:30 AM	Lakeland, FL
Medulla Baptist Church		

December 2023

Wed, Dec 20	12:00 PM	Brandon, FL
St Andrews United Methodist Church JOY Luncheon		

January 2024

Sun, Jan 14	6:00 PM	Bradenton, FL
Village On The Greens Concert/Hymn Sing		

February 2024

Sun-Fri February 4-9		Wimauma, FL
Bill Bailey Winter Southern Gospel Convention		
Sun, Feb 18	6:00 PM	Bradenton, FL
Village On The Greens Concert/Hymn Sing		
Thurs, Feb 29	7:00 PM	Clermont, FL
Bee's RV Resort		

March 2024

Sun, Mar 24	6:00 PM	Bradenton, FL
Village On The Greens Concert/Hymn Sing		



Reg (center) with Mason and Jennifer Daffinee on the grounds of the Salzburg, Austria estate where *The Sound of Music's* lakeside scenes were filmed.



Reg and friends in Saint-Bernard, Switzerland.



Gretchen with son Mason Daffinee at Heidelberg Castle, Heidelberg, Germany.



Neuschwanstein Castle, Bavaria, in the very south of Germany.

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Ian. We received only tropical storm force winds, not hurricane force winds like Fort Myers Beach which was almost wiped off the map. Check my personal Facebook page from October 2022 for photos of what WAS Fort Myers Beach.

We had minor tree damage and shingles off roofs but had no flooding or loss of electricity. PTL.

After the hurricane, we sang in **Lakeland** for the seniors of **Medulla Baptist Church**. We will sing for them again this November. We also sang for the **Florida Presbyterian Home**, which is always a delight.

Part of our time in Florida is spent giving public concerts for churches like **First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda** and **Faith Bible Church in Bradenton** which heard our Christmas worship concert.

Part of our time is spent singing for seniors' ministries of large churches like **First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks**, west of St Petersburg, **Stetson Baptist in DeLand**, the "Sonshiners" of the **First Baptist in Palmetto**, and the "Primetimers" of the **West Bradenton Baptist Church**.

We were very busy in December giving our Christmas concerts. RV community **Alligator Park** in Punta Gorda invited us to give a Christmas concert after the Saturday night potluck dinner. Then we sang for their Sunday morning service too.

West of Orlando is a wonderful community of retired missionaries sent by the **African Inland Mission (AIM)**. We sang for their Christmas gala dinner, then we returned to them in February. Two visits in one winter! It was great.

Friendship UMC in Punta Gorda invited us for Christmas as did **Grand Island Baptist's** "Happy Hearts." The **Central Assembly of God's** seniors heard us on December 16 in **Sebastian, FL**. After Christmas and New Years' in Canada with

family, we headed back to Florida.

This winter we sang for our community of retired ministers and missionaries, **il Villaggio**, and three senior manufactured homes communities: **Golf Lakes, Village on the Green** and **Tidevue**, and one RV Resort, **Bee's RV in Clermont**.

First Baptist of South Beach Melbourne, the home church of **The Puffers** music ministry, hosted us one Sunday night.

For the seniors of **Palm View Baptist in Palmetto** we sang for a loaded baked potato dinner, and for the seniors program, **SNAC (Sunday Night At Church)**, at **Starkey Road Baptist** in Largo we sang for pizza.

In April we had a three-week adventure of lifetime. **Mason and Jennifer Daffinee**, our son and daughter-in-law invited us to visit their home in Germany. Jennifer, a clarinetist in the United States Air Force Band, is stationed at Ramstein AFB base for four years. Mason took us on a trip to Luxembourg. We visited Metz, France. We crossed the Swiss and Italian Alps to visit Turin, Italy and toured its National Automobile Museum. We headed west to Prague in the Czechia Republic, then on to Poland to hear Jennifer in the last concert of the clarinet quartet and woodwind quintet's ten-day tour. She was then able to travel with us.

Our day at Auschwitz was, to say the least, a sobering visit. In Salzburg, Austria we stayed at the estate where, they filmed the lake front scenes in *The Sound of Music* movie. Then we headed back to Germany and saw the Neuschwanstein Castle that Walt Disney copied for his Cinderella's castle. At a later date, Mason took us to Heidelberg to see the famous castle there. "Friend" me personally, if you haven't already, on Facebook and check my personal posts to learn more about our European adventure.

As I am writing this at the end of May, we are getting ready to go north for the summer. We will sing

in **Ohio** and **Indiana en route**. We are sure those events will be wonderful.

Our twelfth CD, *How Can I Keep From Singing?*, was released last July and many, many people are enjoying its collection of songs. To order it, call us or send in the order form on this newsletter. On the CD you will hear: *Who Can Do Anything?*, *Prodigal Son, He Came to Me*, *Four Days Late, Jesus He is the Son of God, Walk Talk, Loving God-Loving Each Other, In the Time That Remains, Do This in Remembrance of Me*, and *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

We are looking forward to an end-of-August vacation with **Kirk and Christine Dunneman**. Then in September we will drive west to visit our families, **Jon and Anne** in Washington and **Kelly and Jessie** in California and see all the sights in between.

We are very proud to say that in September our grandson **Tyson Dunneman** will go off to Georgian College in Barrie, Ontario to study in their Baking and Pastry Arts program. Way to go, Tyson! We wish you much success.

In October we will be back in the east to be the Musicians for **Odosagih's October 6-9 Fall Festival Weekend** and to give our 26th (26th!) **Homecoming Concert** in **Binghamton** on Sunday October 15.

In November we will excitedly await the birth of my first grandchild to **Tyler and Natalie Daffinee** who live in Pittsburgh. I may get to Pittsburgh and never leave. The Dunnemans may become a solo ministry...ha!

In short...We are well. We still sing well. Our music still makes people cry as they connect with the Holy Spirit. We are still of use to the Kingdom. We are so glad God prompts people to invite us. There is nothing better than doing what you love to do and at the same time knowing that it is what God wants you to do. We are blessed, blessed, blessed. Not even a hurricane was able to stop us.



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